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PAUL L. GARRETT

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THE GOVERNOR AND DR. CHERRY'S SUCCESSOR.

To the Editor of The Courier-Journal.

Will you please give this letter space in your Point of View column?

I have been watching with a great amount of interest the editorials in the various papers and want to express my appreciation for the fine expressions in reference to the successor of Dr. Cherry at Western Kentucky State Teachers College.

It was hoped by all friends and former students of the school and the friends of the Governor that he would take the hint and adopt a hands-off policy and leave the board free to make its choice after a careful study and the proper consideration for the school's best interest.

Judging from the article appearing in The Courier-Journal last Sunday, it seems he cannot refrain from exercising his executive power to embarrass the board. It has been learned that the Governor could not even wait until even after the founder of the school was buried to start. He took Paul Garrett to Bowling Green and tried to thrust him upon the board the day of Dr. Cherry's funeral. The board is to be praised for not allowing this to happen. Just what occurred no one knows, but it is known that Paul Garrett was not made the president of Western.

The truth is, the people of the State have the utmost confidence in the board. They believe that they will not become henchmen of the Governor. They believe these people have the best interest and welfare of the school at heart. They believe they will put forth an honest effort to choose someone within that organization that knows its principles and ideals and traditions and will strive to carry on where Dr. Cherry left off. In spite of the fact that the Governor has the power to fire the entire board, we believe they will not betray our faith and the school. It is too bad the Governor was not farsighted enough to see this and leave them free to do as they find best. They have a gigantic task, a hard task, and need every freedom to accomplish the best for Western.

The public sympathizes with them and the friends of the school and former students are solidly behind them so long as they keep faith with Western and Dr. Cherry.

We cannot believe these people will betray their sacred trust. Dr. Cherry lived, thought, fought and died for education in Kentucky and Western was his medium of expression. He was a man of dynamic spirit and a true democrat. He not only taught democracy, but lived and fought for it.

Let Governor Chandler pay his debts of politics and gratitude for personal favors in some other way than that of fostering his benefactors off on the greatest institution for training our teachers that we have in Kentucky. I am a Democrat. I voted for Governor Chandler, but I cannot endorse this thing he is trying to do. The sentiment everywhere is for the

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board to choose someone that was close to Dr. Cherry, that had a part in building that great school, that is familiar with its ideals and program and has the love and confidence of the friends and students and past students of the school. We, who have gone out from there, have not forgotten our obligations to her.

Western needs a united effort on all parts to help her now in this great hour of her distress at the loss of her founder and leader. No one should be selected that is running after the job.

We can but watch with keen interest every move being made now. The Governor has the power to fire the board, it is true. It is believed the board will be more interested in the welfare of Western than to allow such a threat to coerce it into cutting the throat of the institution whose welfare they are supposed and expected to guard.

Again, I want to remind the board that we are solidly behind them in their effort to serve Western to their very best ability with a free hand.

FORMER STUDENT OF WESTERN.

Owensboro, Ky.

8/31/37

WESTERN'S NEW PRESIDENT.

To the Editor of The Courier-Journal.

After reading letters in your Point of View column, I feel impelled to come to the defense of Paul Garrett, the man who becomes the next president of Western Kentucky State Teachers College.

It is my honest belief that Western could have fared no better had months or years been used in choosing Dr. Cherry's successor.

There was but one Dr. Cherry; there is but one Paul Garrett. He is a scholar with a brilliant mind and he possesses great administrative ability. He has a lovable, kindly, tolerant nature and a sense of justice and fair play that makes him beloved by his students and teachers alike. He is a diplomat, born. Few men possess such tact as he shows in the handling of the delicate situations which arise in all school work.

Paul Garrett is also a humorist, but his is a kindly humor of the Will Rogers variety which laughs with you and not at you. He is vitally interested in the welfare of the youth of our land (he has three boys of his own) and he is in touch with the problems which confront the youth of today. What more can Western ask or expect of any schoolman?

It is not because of any political affiliations that I write these facts concerning Paul Garrett. It is because I know the man.

I applaud his appointment as the Western head not because he was the Governor's choice, but in spite of that fact.

Unlike the "Former Student From Western," I did not vote for the Governor in the last gubernatorial race, nor in the last primary when he ran again (and won) in Woodford; nor do I contemplate voting for him at any time in the future.

But scheming politicians do manage to do some very worthwhile things and they do make wise selections now and then—else how could democracy so long endure?

Those who love Western need have no fear with Paul Garrett at the helm, if they but do their part and give him the support and confidence he deserves.

Not politics, but the welfare of the institution he serves will dominate his every thought and effort.

I doff my hat to Paul Garrett and to Western!

May they both thrive!

A VOICE FROM WOODFORD.
Versailles, Ky.

To the Editor of The Courier-Journal.

The letter signed "Hopeful" and published in Thursday's Courier-Journal "takes the words right out of the mouth" of the graduates and friends of Western, in this section of the State. A columnist nominates Gov. Bibb Graves of Alabama as the brassiest public man, for appointing his wife to the Black vacancy in the Senate. The selection of the Versailles schoolman to succeed the late Dr. Cherry as head of the largest teachers' training college in the United States, excepting Columbia University, seems to nominate our Governor Chandler for the laurels that the columnist would hand to Bibb Graves.

When the vote was taken Wednesday Mr. Peters, who by virtue of his office as Superintendent of Public Instruction is chairman of the college board, urged that further consideration be given to the qualifications of Mr. Garrett and other suggested candidates. Many of us who graduated at Western feel that Governor Chandler used the influence of his office in behalf of Mr. Gar-

rett for political or personal reasons. Speaking figuratively: The Governor had access to a large lake that was well stocked with fish, but he fished in the small stream that ran through his own back yard.

It may be that Governor Chandler sees in Mr. Garrett the best man that could be found for the place, and it might be that the Governor is 100 per cent right. If we are to show the true spirit of Western it behooves us (faculty, friends and alumni) to give our new leader a chance by co-operating with him. If we show this spirit of co-operation we may find President Garrett to be a leader with vision and real executive ability—a worthy successor to the mantle of Dr. Cherry.

JOHN W. MURR.
Bardstown, Ky. A Graduate.

Daily News

Sept. 1, 1937

"Paul Garrett Made
Western President"

RESIDENT OF VERSAILLES IS NAMED TO POST

New Official Will Assume
Duties At Local College
Immediately

ELECTED BY 3-1 VOTE

Four Year Term Is Given
Employee Of State Finance
Department

FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 1—(AP)—Paul L. Garrett of Versailles was chosen president of Western Kentucky State Teachers College at Bowling Green by the college board of regents at a special meeting here today. He succeeds H. H. Cherry, who died a month ago.

Garrett will take over his new position immediately, resigning the post of director of the Division of Personnel Efficiency in the Department of Finance.

The new college head is 43 years old, is married and has three sons. Prior to being brought to Frankfort by Governor Chandler, Garrett was superintendent of public schools at Versailles since 1924. He is a close personal friend of the governor and had his backing for the presidency of the Bowling Green school, one of the largest in the state's higher-education system.

Served In Army

Garrett was educated in the common schools of Shelby county, Georgetown College, the University of Chicago and the University of Kentucky. He has been in school work since his graduation from college, except for a period of one year in which he served with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. He is a member of the American Legion and attends the Baptist Church. His wife formerly was Virginia Ellis of Newcastle.

Garrett was given a four-year contract at a salary of \$5,000 a year. In addition he will have for his use during the presidency the president's home on the campus.

Vote Is 3 To 1

The board made its selection at an executive session in Governor Chandler's office. The vote for Garrett was three to one. Voting for Garrett were Mrs. W. P. Drake of Bowling Green, E. J. Borrone of Bowling Green and F. J. Pentecost of Henderson. Voting against him was Harry W. Peters, state superintendent of public instruction, and ex-officio chairman of the board. The fifth member, Huston Quin of Louisville, was absent.

Governor Chandler said there were no other nominations made although the names of M. C. Ford, head of Western's department of agriculture; F. C. Grise, dean at Western; A. L. Crabb, former dean, and Prof. A. R. Halley of Marshall College, Huntington, W. Va., were mentioned by Peters during the discussion of the presidency.

Following the meeting, Peters said he sought to persuade the board to defer its selection until "more consideration could be given to the various applicants and potential applicants."

"I was in favor of a graduate of the school being given the position," Peters said.

Garrett was nominated for the presidency by Borrone. Mrs. Drake seconded the nomination.

SHIRMADINE FIFTH

WESTERN'S NEW PRESIDENT.

To the Editor of The Courier-Journal.

The rank and file of school superintendents, principals and teachers are applauding the action of the board of regents of the Western Kentucky State Teachers' College in selecting Paul Garrett as the new president of the institution. We think he will make an admirable successor to Dr. Cherry. He has the confidence of the school people of the State to a 100 per cent degree.

Paul Garrett is a man who spreads good cheer everywhere. He is "hale, hearty and well-met." We have come to look upon him as an established institution in himself, in school circles, as we see him at the various educational gatherings—an object of affection and high esteem.

These qualities are rare. School men are often reticent and reserved and are not widely known. Everybody knows Paul Garrett. He spreads vitality everywhere.

It was not necessary for the board to choose a man from the Cherry dynasty. It was not necessary to observe any order of succession to the throne. It was not necessary to pick one who had been especially groomed for the position. Western belongs to all of the State. It has students from the Big Sandy and the Knobs as well as from the "Pennyrile" and the Purchase. The taxpayers who constructed the buildings at Bowling Green are not limited to any particular section of the State.

There is sometimes a mistaken notion that it is unorthodox to choose a man for a position of influence and prominence who has not been directly connected with the particular type of work involved in the duties of the position. If such a rule were followed, none of us would ever have any chance to advance. If it had been said to all men in elementary and secondary education, "Thus far shalt thou go, but no farther," the college level would have been robbed of some of its finest talent. Many men have such fine adaptability that their success would be just as pronounced on the college level as men who have been on that level during their entire professional experience.

Furthermore, Western is a teachers college. It is preparing teachers for the elementary and high schools. Could there be any more excellent preparation for the presidency of such a school than a thorough acquaintance with the elementary and secondary problems, gained through years of experience in those fields? Would you want a man as president of a teachers college who does not know elementary and secondary education at first hand? There is a difference between a man who has been principal and superintendent and a man who has read about the duties of these positions while holding a professorship in a department of education. To us, the former is to be preferred. He has not merely read about navigation; he has taken the wheel while the ship was passing through the storm.

Someone observes in "The

Point of View" that Mr. Garrett comes from an obscure position. We hardly believe that this statement is in accordance with the facts. Versailles altogether escapes the average as a county seat. Its school plant is commanding. The plant is a monument to Paul Garrett. The record of its establishment is a record that reflects particular credit upon the builder in handling a difficult financial problem.

Some of our best school men are in the smaller places. They are there because they have executed programs in building construction and the improvement of instruction. The communities want them to stay. Their salaries are advanced to the levels of the larger places. They are happy there. They may be growing professionally just as fast as they would in the metropolitan areas.

Paul Garrett is such a man. He deserves the unlimited co-operation of the school people of Kentucky, and particularly does he deserve the co-operation of the Bowling Green regime. We predict that time will vindicate the wisdom of his appointment.

A KENTUCKY SCHOOL MAN.
Fort Thomas, Ky.

Dr. Garrett Heads State School Group

Annual Conference
At U. of K. Closes

The Courier-Journal Lexington Bureau.
Lexington, Ky., Oct. 30.—Dr. Paul Garrett, recently appointed president of Western Kentucky State Teachers College, Bowling Green, today was elected president of the Kentucky Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at the concluding session of the two-day fourteenth annual meeting of the association at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Garrett succeeds Prof. Lee Kirkpatrick, superintendent of Paris City Schools.

Prof. A. D. Owen, superintendent of Newport City Schools, was elected vice president. New members of the executive committee elected are Prof. W. S. Milburn, principal of Louisville Male High School, and Dr. Paul S. Powell, new president of Kentucky Wesleyan College, Winchester. Dr. Paul P. Boyd, dean of the University of Kentucky—College of Arts and Sciences, was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the association.

1,000 Educators Attend.

More than 1,000 educators from through Kentucky today attended the general session at Memorial Hall and various sectional meetings conducted in other buildings at the university.

Speakers at the general session were Harry W. Peters, Frankfort, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; W. T. Rowland, assistant superintendent of Louisville schools; Dr. Boyd, and Glenn Swing, superintendent of Covington City Schools.

Dr. K. P. Vinsel, University of Louisville, former director of welfare at Louisville, was elected president of the Kentucky Academy of Social Science at a meeting at the Museum Building, at which Dr. J. W. Manning, of the University Political Science Department, presided.

Prof. Virgil Burns, Eastern State Teachers College, Richmond, was elected vice president, and Dr. J. B. Holtzclaw, Morehead State Teachers College, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Physics Teachers' Speakers.

T. M. Hahn of the university; D. M. Bennett, University of Louisville; J. S. Cantwell, Louisville, of Hallock Hall; H. C. Mitchell, First Creek High School, and W. K. Evans, Lexington, Bryan Station High School, were speakers at the American Association of Physics Teachers' meeting at the Chemistry and Physics Building.

Francis O. Wilcox, University of Louisville, was speaker at the general session of the Kentucky Council for the Social Studies at the Guignol Theater. Elmer Ellis, president, national council for the Social Studies, University of Missouri, spoke on "Education Against Propaganda" at a luncheon-meeting of the council.

Speaker at the Lexington Speech Art Group meeting was L. M. Rogers, Lexington surgeon, United States Public Health Service.

Conferences were held on commercial, elementary and physics education, and on the work of the registrar.

Western President Honored

Selection of Paul L. Garrett, recently elected president of Western Teachers College, as president of the Kentucky Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is a compliment to the local man that is appreciated by the school and all Bowling Green.

President Garrett has made many friends since he came to Western almost a total stranger just a few weeks ago. Persons directly interested in the progress of the local college realize he has the essentials of leadership, character and personality required by his position as the head of the greatest school of its kind in the nation.

The fact other educators in Kentucky sense these qualities is indeed gratifying.

Looking To New Era

As Western Teachers College begins the enrollment of the hundreds of young people who will compose the 1937-38 student body of the school, citizens of Bowling Green are planning a dinner tonight in honor of Dr. Paul Garrett, newly elected president of the institution. The banquet, which is sponsored by a number of public spirited citizens, will provide a formal welcome to Dr. Garrett as he comes to Bowling Green to assume his new duties, but the event may also be considered as testimony of the willingness with which Bowling Green citizens will pledge themselves to cooperate with Western's future work and expansion.

Western Teachers College, which enjoyed a most remarkable growth within the past two decades as the dreams of Dr. H. H. Cherry began to unfold, is by no means at the limit of its development.

A new building, one of the most modern and best equipped classroom structures in the nation, is to be occupied this fall and another is in the early stages of construction.

Aside from the growth of the physical plant there have been improvements in the curriculum and teaching staff, all made with a view of keeping progress with the schedule of advancement that has always classed Western as the most unusual school of its kind in the Southland.

Bowling Green appreciates the organization of the new school year and will be delighted to see the new students arriving during the week-end. Moreover, the townspeople, stand ready to give support, as never before, to Western activities.

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President Paul Garrett

Editor Daily News:

Twenty-five years ago I came from Central Kentucky to Western Kentucky to become principal of the Madisonville High School. Dr. Cherry was the first school man to extend his welcome and good wishes.

Paul Garrett has come from Central Kentucky to Western Kentucky. I would like to extend to him a hearty welcome through the Daily News.

Hopkins county has ranked near Warren in the number of students enrolled at Western for many years and we are ready to cooperate with President Garrett.

The Board of Regents made a good selection and although no one will be able to fill the place left vacant by the untimely going of Dr. Cherry, our new president has the confidence of the school people of the state and under his leadership Western Kentucky State Teachers College will advance.

Harper Gatton,

Superintendent City Schools,
Madisonville, Kentucky.

The signature approval by The Courier-Journal.

we do have such a school at Bowling Green. This action is analagous to placing a lieutenant in charge of an army corps. It may dangerously injure morale in the rank and file as well as the intermediate grades of officialdom.

We are confident that we were voicing the almost unanimous sentiments of those who have been students at Western when we suggested to our Governor that he not use this position as a political or friendship award. Fifty thousand Western men and women are not likely to be wrong.

HOPEFUL.

Marrowbone, Ky.

BOYS' STATE LEADERS CONFER



DIRECTOR PAUL L. GARRETT AND DEAN WILLIAM M. WESLEY

Mapping plans for 1941 session of Bluegrass Boys' State.

MOUNTING INTEREST REPORTED IN 1941 BLUEGRASS BOYS' STATE

As the time nears for Kentucky youth to assemble at Western State Teachers' College, Bowling Green, for the second session of Bluegrass Boys' State, Paul L. Garrett, Boys' State director and president of the college, reports growing interest in the project throughout the State.

Numerous organizations besides Legion posts have nominated or made arrangements to nominate and sponsor boys at the 1941 session June 3 through 14. Opportunity still remained, however, for other

Boys' State, met in conference with Department Commander James T. Norris and mapped out final plans for the session.

As was done at the initial session last year, the boys are to be organized into parties and will conduct elections and set up State, county and local governments, hold legislative sessions and set up courts. Following general principals of the laboratory method, they will learn the fundamental organization and operation of the democratic form of government by actually performing the functions themselves.

Success of the project last year made it a major project of the Kentucky American Legion, and those in charge of the program joined Commander Norris in urging Legionnaires throughout the State to cooperate in every way to assure its continued success.

NORRIS SPEAKS

Interest of The American Legion of Kentucky in the training and education of Kentucky youth was recognized by the Kentucky Educational Association as Department Commander James T. Norris addressed delegates to the annual convention of the organization in Louisville. Commander Norris spoke on "Bluegrass Boys' State" at the Friday morning, April 18, session in the Louisville War Memorial Auditorium.

groups to make their selections before the rolls are closed. Nominations should be sent promptly to Department Assistant Tom Hayden, War Memorial Auditorium, Louisville.

In Louisville to attend sessions of the annual convention of the Kentucky Educational Association, Director Garrett and William M. Wesley, superintendent of Grayson, Ky. schools and dean of Bluegrass

The teachers colleges' total enrollment of 3,733 on October 1, 1941, had fallen to 2,892 on October 1, 1942, a loss of 23.32 per cent. But where enrollment of men had dropped about 28 per cent—1,768 last year to 1,269 this year—the record of 2,012 women students at the 1941 opening had declined to 1,423 this year, a loss of more than 29 per cent. These figures include enrollments at Eastern Morehead, Murray and Western Teachers Colleges, and the smaller school of education at the University of Kentucky.

To be sure, when the military draft of the 18-19-year group of men becomes operative, this proportion almost certainly will be reversed. Meanwhile, the trend is a matter which gives Dr. Paul L. Garrett, president of the Western State Teachers College at Bowling Green, pause for solemn consideration.

It seems that more things than the selective service are contributing to the stresses of wartime and in particular to the problems of higher education in this field. One of them is the rapid opening of well-paying jobs for women, in civil service, in commercial and even in industrial employment.

Teachers' Outlook Is Drab.

Here is a lure against which many an aspiring teacher, however firm her dedication, cannot but measure the prospect of low pay for a life in the classroom.

"The low salaries of teachers to which Allan Trout recently called attention in *The Courier-Journal*," Dr. Garrett said, "do not encourage our young folk to enter upon preparation for the teaching profession in this period of increasing cost of living and higher salaries in other jobs."

It may be that the young women decide to seize the bright opportunities while they last, and to turn back to teaching later, if need be. But established teachers likewise are being lured into the new openings, and thus the situation is complicated by creation of a shortage of teachers.

Part of the loss of enrollment at Western, and doubtless at the other teachers colleges, Dr. Garrett said, is due to withdrawal of a number of advanced students to begin teaching on emergency certificates because of the great need of teachers.

Budgets At Home Reduced.

Some of the girls have gone also because of marriage and because of tighter budgets at home.

However, this study is concerned essentially with question of what Kentucky colleges have done, in revised programs or new directions, to meet the impacts of war. And more important for its purposes is Dr. Garrett's discussion of steps taken to meet the new needs at Bowling Green.

"Acceleration" is the new word in higher education generally today, with the idea of giving students as much as possible as quickly as possible before their education is halted by war's demands. However, the teachers colleges for many years have offered opportunity to students to speed up their training, with summer schools available for those who want to go through in three years or even a little less. War has accelerated this normal "acceleration."

"As a means of further increasing the opportunities for study at this institution and of co-operating more fully with the national war effort," says a supplementary catalogue of Western for 1942-43, "the college has inaugurated the quarter plan of dividing the school year."

Few Courses Are Changed.

No great changes yet have been made in courses offered. A sign of the times is the reintroduction of Spanish and a lapse of students' interest in German. Western is offering this quarter

weighting-up" process which colleges have undertaken as one of the prime essentials of preparation for service. Men students are taking more seriously the R.O.T.C. training.

"Mixed through all the normal activities of college life," said Dr. Garrett, "is a marked seriousness and interest in the war effort and a desire to prepare for participation."

"It is interesting to note, he said, that enrollment in mathematics, a subject which was beginning to be left out of the schedules of many students, is large this term. Most branches of the armed forces are strong for mathematics and sciences. As to the latter, chemistry and physics classes at Western are crowded. There is a new and sharper eye to making the basic training more versatile and functional—English, for example, is functional, nowadays. War demands clear writers, readers, speakers."

Special Subjects Offered.

For adults in evening classes, not for college credit, with expenses paid from Federal funds for vocational education, Western is emphasizing this term classes in engineering drawing, in fundamentals of electricity, industrial safety, radio, chemical testing methods and similar applied skills.

As another step in this direction, the college is sponsoring the N.Y.A. shop on the campus, which gives training to out-of-school youth in welding, machine shop, sheet metal work and other skills which may lead to their employment in war industries.

Dr. Garrett remarked that it does not involve a revolution when teachers colleges in Kentucky give emphasis to "practical" courses. At Western, for example, four years in vocational agriculture, industrial arts and home economics have been given for some time, and there are equipment and facilities for the

DR. PAUL L. GARRETT

Faces new problems

adult and N.Y.A. classes in the crafts.

These colleges are, however, recognizing the war-born trend toward economy in time.

Doubts Change Will Be Radical.

"Out of the experience of war," Dr. Garrett said, "it is likely that we shall learn how to do some things better and in less time. But I personally am not persuaded that any radical or far-reaching changes will be made in the type of education which we have been offering in the faith that it is good."

"I can see a distinct need for some short, practical courses in such fields as agriculture and industrial arts not to exceed two years in length, coupled with general background in American history and government and English, to enable the very numerous individuals who are not headed for professions to prepare in no more than two years to do definite jobs and at the same time to function more effectively and happily as intelligent citizens."

Few educators interviewed in Kentucky felt otherwise than does Dr. Garrett about the necessity of keeping alive this training for citizenship, this understanding of democracy and its usages. They have their eyes on the peace, as well as on the war; on the future, as well as the present, although the needs of the present naturally are paramount.

Cultural Background Needed.

"I am persuaded," Dr. Garrett said, "that in addition to vocational training there is great need on the part of the fellow who can profit by a college edu-

war country. . . . Dr. A. M. Stickles of history department holds assembly discussions of the war situation and leads smaller groups of the students particularly interested.

All this will go on. Garrett is not alarmed.

Budget Still Balanced.

"The decrease in income from student fees has not resulted far in an unbalanced budget," he said. "In the first place, we have lost a number of the students in the war effort and have, where possible, left their positions unfilled."

"In the second place, we have begun more than a year ago to confine our purchases to absolute essentials. Again, the Legislature was helpful through an increase of our budget by \$15.0 a year to help us stand student losses."

"Obviously, if the present trend of reduction continues, the problem could easily become serious. As one possible solution, there of course the chance of working under government contract in connection with training for the armed forces, and also the suggestion that some of the young selectees may be sent back to college for pre-professional courses of basic training in other fields. To perform this service the teachers colleges are prepared."

Morehead State Teachers College is one of the group that already has experience in government contract training in connection with the Navy. It gives sixteen-week courses of specialized instruction in the electrician's craft to enlisted seamen with average groups of more than 300 trainees who go to this "navy school in the mountains."

Women's Insurance Sales Up.

Washington, Nov. 26 (AP)—The purchase of life insurance policies by women has shown a marked increase since America entered the war.

Garrett Heard At Louisville

Western President On "I Am An American" Program

President Paul L. Garrett of Western Teachers College, speaker on the first annual "I Am An American Day" program held yesterday in Memorial auditorium, Louisville, declared "the will to preserve democracy is perhaps the chief factor in the preservation of democracy."

"We must have unselfishness and a courageous faith which will be ready to make sacrifices if democracy is to be preserved," the speaker said, outlining some of the sacrifices made to establish the nation.

He predicted that it will be necessary to hold the "I Am An American Day" in the Jefferson County armory within the next few years as the day will grow in importance.

"You who are here today," he said, "will be glad to say you were present at the first 'I Am An American Day' ceremonies."

Yesterday was designed by President Roosevelt as a welcome to citizenship of all new citizens. The Louisville program was sponsored by the American Legion.

Paul Garrett Is Re-Elected

Selected To Serve As President Of Western Again

Paul L. Garrett, completing his fourth year as president of Western Teachers College, at a meeting of the Western board of regents at the college Saturday was unanimously re-elected for another four-year term, beginning next September 1.

All members of the board were present with the exception of Clarence Bartlett of Hartford, Ill. in a Lexington hospital. John W. Brooker of Frankfort, state superintendent of public instruction and ex officio chairman of the board, presided over the meeting.

In announcing the re-election of Garrett as president, Mr. Brooker reported that all members of the Western faculty were re-elected for one-year terms.

Board members attending the meeting were J. P. Masters and B. R. Borrone of this city and Judge Charles I. Dawson of Louisville.

President Garrett, formerly engaged as city school superintendent at Versailles, Ky., was elected president of Western in 1937 following the death of H. H. Cherry, founder of the college and its president for 30 years.

Brooker arrived in Bowling Green Friday afternoon and left Saturday afternoon following the regents' meeting.

Dr. Garrett Re-elected Western Head

Board Of Regents In Session Here Today

Times Journal 4-5-41

Superintendent of Public Instruction John W. Booker, announced today that President Paul Garrett of Western State Teachers College was re-elected for a period of four years at a meeting of the Board of Regents held this morning on College Heights. President Garrett's term expires next September so the appointment will be effective from that date.

Mr. Booker who, is the Board,

Mr. Booker, who is ex officio of the Board also stated all members of Western's faculty were re-elected.

The members of the Board in addition to Mr. Booker who attended the meeting were J. P. Masters, B. J. Barrone, and Judge Charles Dawson. The other member of the Board Judge Clarence Bartlett is undergoing treatment in a hospital.

Paul Garrett Re-Elected President Of Western

After three and one-half years as President of Western State Teachers College, Paul Garrett was re-elected for a period of four years, to date from the end of his first term next September. *First Times Journal 4-5-41*

The re-election of Dr. Garrett to the important position as head of Western did not come as a surprise as his record has been of such a high order that it was but natural to expect that the Board of Regents would endorse his splendid service rendered by voting to him another four year term.

President Garrett came to Bowling Green in 1937 to succeed the beloved founder of Western the late Dr. Henry Hardin Cherry, who had served as the directing head throughout all the long years of this school's marvelous development, and who had achieved an illustrious career as an educational genius.

Paul Garrett was a comparatively young man and it was no small task to follow such an outstanding and able leader, yet he more than came up to the expectations of his friends and admirers and took hold of the task like a veteran.

Paul Garrett let it be known that he desired to carry on where his predecessor had left off and do his best to attain the aims that the founder of Western had for so long been striving to achieve.

By his sincere and unostentatious manner, President Garrett soon won the esteem and confidence not only of the members of the Western faculty but also of the citizens of Bowling Green and it is the consensus of opinion that he has done a big job exceedingly well.

Western's President Paul Garrett Proves Appearances Are Deceptive

By PAUL HUGHES

Courier-Journal Staff Writer

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., Sept. 16.

Appearances are sometimes tricky. So, the next time you're at Western Kentucky State College don't make the mistake of thinking a certain tall, rangy, casual-looking man wearing a slouch hat—or none at all—and seeming to be all over the place at once, is the janitor.

Somewhat like Coach Ed Diddle's big, red bird dog that used to roam, fancy free, hither and yon over College Heights, is Dr. Paul L. Garrett, who accepted his presidency with a show of timidity but who now has Western and Bowling Green eating out of his hand.

The modest Dr. Garrett, 56, who can be seen as frequently in the gymnasium dressing rooms, on the players' bench at football games, or on trips with the college teams, as often as in faculty meetings or in his own unpretentious president's office in Van Meter Hall, has won the respect and affection of this town and college community far beyond anybody's hopes.

"Following a Babe Ruth in the batting order, and getting the fans rooting for you, is a difficult matter," an old-timer at Western declared. "But 'the Pres' has turned just that trick. And he now has the full confidence and support of people here, even if he did come to Bowling Green with one strike against him."

Criticism Recalled

What this commentator referred to was the fact that critics called it a mixture of schoolboy sentiment and home-town politics when, back in 1937, Governor A. B. Chandler picked the school superintendent under whom he served as athletics coach at Versailles to succeed the late great and beloved President H. H. Cherry at Western.

And he was referring also to the fact that in taking over his duties, Paul Garrett himself had confessed his own feeling of inadequacy. "I am cognizant of Dr. Cherry's great work of organization and expansion here," Garrett had said, in effect. "I know the esteem in which he was held by all of you here, in the college and in Bowling Green. I know very well I cannot take his place—I simply want to do my best to carry on, and I hope I can do it in the manner he would want it done."

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Photo by Charles Darnell

Dr. Paul L. Garrett

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Grant County, as high-school principal. His career continued at Campbellsburg and New Castle. At the latter, he met and wooed Mrs. Garrett, then Miss Virginia Ellis. In 1924, he advanced to a superintendency at Versailles, where he found already installed as athletic coach and English teacher an enthusiastic young man who later very greatly influenced the course of his life—Happy Chandler.

"It was Happy who, almost as much as the Versailles School Board, decided me to take the Versailles job," said Dr. Garrett. "I met him on a street corner after I'd been talking to the board members, and he gave me a good sample of that famous smile and hearty handshake, told me he hoped I'd stay in Versailles, and started out right away to tell me his plans and his hopes. Out of that very conversation there grew a friendship and an affectionate mutual regard that has meant much to me ever since."

Left Door Open

Paul Garrett was still at the helm at Versailles in 1937 when Chandler, by that time in the middle of his governorship, induced him to get a year's leave of absence to become State personnel director. He was in that work a few months later when, following Dr. Cherry's death, Chandler proposed his name to the board of regents of Western as successor.

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provided President's House on the edge of the campus. And it is there that Mrs. Garrett works in her flowers—she's considered an expert on daffodils, iris and roses—and has found a new interest in birds. It is there, also, that Dr. Garrett indulges his love for reading, giving more and more time to it. Unable to spare the time he used to have for his primary avocation of fishing, he packs a veritable library into his luggage when he takes trips, and comes home with more books than he left with. He likes the classics and the whodunits as well, and often takes his turn at student convocations by reviewing many of each.

'Love Young People'

The Garretts have two sons, Paul Ellis, 28, father of a 3-month-old daughter and now with a Bowling Green building-supply firm, and Ryland, 24, in school at Western. Another son, Harvey Thornton, was accidentally killed in a fall a few years ago. All three boys were in the

Air Force in World War I and Ryland held commissions.

"We simply love and I guess that's why we stay in school and get rich at it," phrased the lanky college president reminding Westerners. "If we have certainly has been loyalty of alumni, duty and the citizen Green."

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Paul Garrett, who is such an avid fisherman that it is said he has made more administrative decisions while sitting on the banks of Warren County ponds and creeks than in his college office, got his own schooling start in a one-room school near Waddy, in Shelby County, which is his native heath. After graduation from Shelbyville High School, he went to Georgetown College for his A. B. and M. A. degrees, and then continued post-graduate work at the University of Kentucky. His honorary L.L.D. degree was awarded after he began his Western presidency.

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Dr. Garrett thinks of his regime—his tenure in office has been longer than that of any other current president of a public college in Kentucky—as one of improvement and maintenance. But he has completed the Kentucky Building, built the college's first women's dormitory and made a start toward the new and long-needed Music Building, besides providing living accommodations for single and married veterans. The Garretts live in the college-

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Western President Paul L. Garrett Dies; Services Scheduled Tomorrow

Dr. Paul L. Garrett, president of Western State College since 1937, died at 4 p.m. yesterday at his home on the Western campus. He was 61.

Stricken with a paralytic stroke in November, 1953, he was making rapid strides toward recovery and had been able to return to his office when he fell and broke a hip last May while walking in the driveway of his home.

Since that time, he had been confined almost entirely to his bed.

The funeral will be at 3 p.m. tomorrow at First Baptist Church, of which he was a member. The Rev. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, is to officiate and burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

The body will be at the residence until 12:30 p.m. tomorrow, at which time it will be moved to Van Meter Auditorium and lie in state until 2:30 p.m.

A military guard of honor is to be furnished by the Western military department, and eight students—representative of the entire student body—are to serve as active pallbearers.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be all members of the faculty



Dr. Paul L. Garrett

and administrative staff at the college, past and present state officials, the Board of Regents, American Legion, Rotary Club, EQB Club and representatives of colleges and universities.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs.

Virginia Ryland Garrett, to whom he was married June 21, 1921; two sons, Capt. Paul E. Garrett, stationed with the Air Force at Westover, Mass., and Ryland O. Garrett, Winchester; a sister, Mrs. Beryl Garrett, Bowling Green.

Immediately following his death college officials announced that all school functions would be suspended until after the funeral. The Bowling Green Business University also is to adjourn classes at noon tomorrow, resuming its regular schedule Thursday morning.

At Frankfort this morning, the office of Gov. Lawrence Wetherby said he probably will attend the funeral as representative of the state administration.

Edward Farris, secretary to the Governor, told the Daily News by telephone that any action relative to the choosing of a successor to Dr. Garrett will come from Western's Board of Regents. Farris said Governor Wetherby would make no recommendations.

The school's Board of Regents is composed of J. P. Masters, City, and John F. Richardson, Glasgow.

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PE — Mar 2, 1955 Dr. Garrett's Death Leaves Kentucky Poorer

Both Western State College and Bowling Green feel a severe sense of loss due to the death of Dr. Paul L. Garrett, president of the local institution for the past 17½ years.

Dr. Garrett came to Bowling Green in 1937 to replace that titan of Kentucky education, the much revered Dr. H. H. Cherry, who founded Western in 1906 and whose foresight and energy had carried the school to a position of pre-eminence in the Commonwealth.

Replacing a man of such stature and so well beloved by the people of Bowling Green did not make Dr. Garrett's task any easier. But it did not take the new president long to win his own place in the hearts of the citizens of this community.

Possessed of a keen interest in literature and history as well as unusual sense of humor, Dr. Garrett was known and loved by most citizens of Bowling Green.

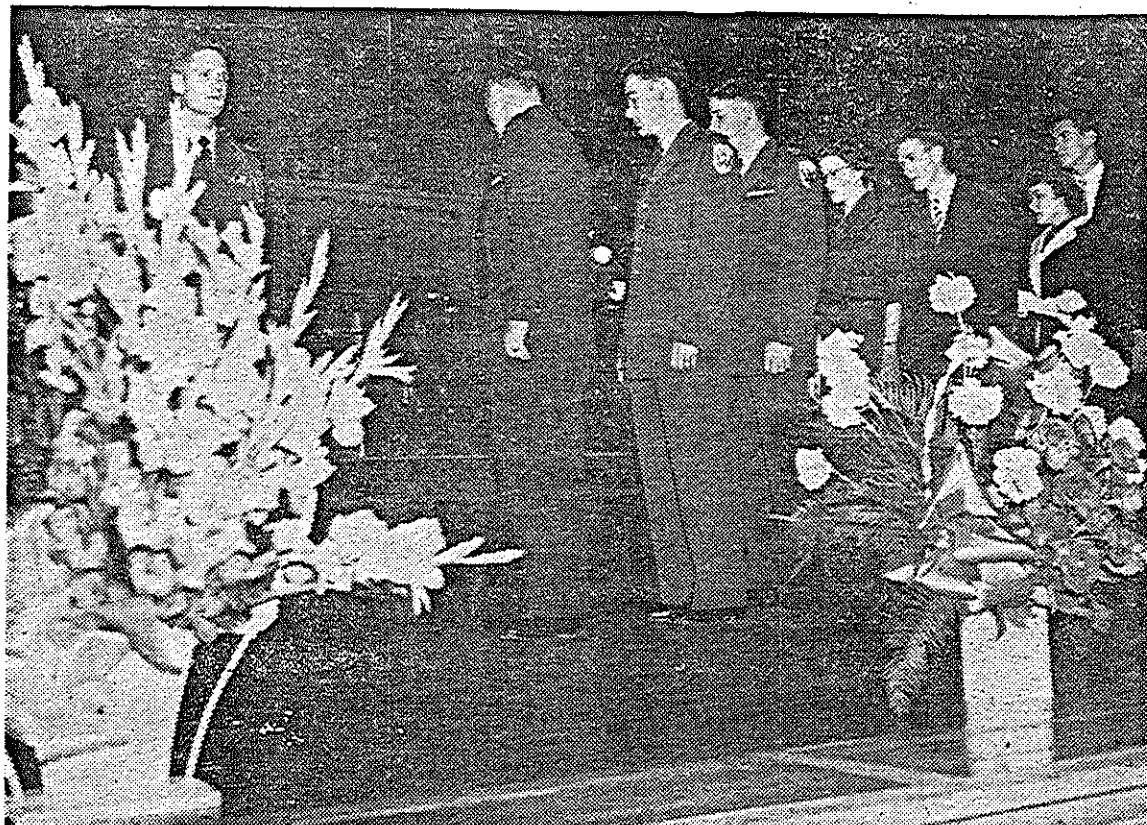
His administration at Western was marked by further development of the physical plant so well begun under the leadership of the late Dr. Cherry.

Left as tangible monuments to Dr. Garrett's service to the college are such structures as the new Student Union Building, McLean Hall and the Music Building. There also remains a legacy of faithful service and adherence to the high ideals which form the foundation on which Western was built.

Dr. Garrett was best known as an educator, having devoted practically all of his adult life to this cause. But his interest extended into other fields, and one project which claimed a major portion of his enthusiasm was Blue Grass Boys State, an American Legion project dedicated to the development of good citizenship among the youth of the state. Dr. Garrett served as director of this commendable program for several years.

Kentucky is a poorer state because of Dr. Garrett's death and his passing will be noted with regret in all sections of the Commonwealth.

We join with other citizens of Bowling Green and Dr. Garrett's friends throughout Kentucky in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.



FINAL TRIBUTE is paid Dr. Paul L. Garrett, president of Western State College until his death Monday, by students and other friends. Hundreds of persons viewed the body yesterday afternoon as it lay in state at Van Meter Auditorium for two hours prior to the funeral. (Daily News Photo)

Rites For Dr. Garrett Conducted

An estimated 1,500 persons, including state dignitaries and educators from numerous Kentucky and Tennessee colleges, attended funeral services here yesterday afternoon for Dr. Paul L. Garrett, president of Western State College.

Dr. Garrett, 61, died Monday afternoon at his home on the Western campus following an illness of more than a year.

The Rev. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church, of which Dr. Garrett was a member and the scene of the funeral, referred to Dr. Garrett as a man who was "in step with his God. He had a true love for his students and his friends."

Heading the list of officials at the funeral was Gov. Lawrence Wetherby.

Also here were former Gov. A. E. (Happy) Chandler, who recommended Dr. Garrett for the Western post 17½ years ago; Dr. H. L. Donovan, president of University of Kentucky; Dr. W. F. O'Donnell, president of Eastern State College; Dr. Adron Doran, president of Morehead State College; Dr. Ralph Woods, president of Murray State College; Wendell Butler, state superintendent of public instruction, and delegations from several Tennessee colleges and universities.

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hours at Van Meter Auditorium. An honor guard was furnished by Air and Army ROTC units at the college.

Music at the funeral was furnished by a crimson-robed choir from the Western music department. Active pallbearers were James Daniels, president of the senior class; Lacey Wilkins, president of the Junior class; Dewey Bratcher, president of the sophomore class; James Owens, president of the freshman class; Charles Hood, representing the Army ROTC; Richard Baker of the Air ROTC; Jerry Passafiume, co-captain of the 1954 Western football team, and Forrest Able, representing the Western basketball team.

E. Kelly Thompson, who had served as assistant to Dr. Garrett, today said the college's Board of Regents will meet in the immediate future to lay the groundwork for selection of a successor.

The board is made up of four members with the state superintendent of public instruction serving as ex-officio member.

Rotary Club Honors Memory Of Dr. Garrett

The Bowling Green Rotary Club Wednesday memorialized Dr. Paul L. Garrett, Western president who had been a member of the club for many years prior to his death last week.

The memorial took the form of brief addresses by W. L. Matthews, vice president of the Bowling Green Business University, and Ted Hornback, athletic director at Western, and the unanimous adoption of a statement presented to the club by Dr. J. L. Harman, past president of the B. U.

The statement said Dr. Garrett's death removed "one of the most useful and interesting members the Bowling Green Rotary Club has had in its 35 years of life" and referred to the loss to Western and to education in Kentucky occasioned by his passing.

A portion of the statement follows:

"Rollicking good humor was his charm.

"Winning friends without effort his pastime.

"Reading widely the best literature his daily habit. Few persons hereabout ever read more books than did he.

"Remembering what he read was inherent.

"Professional fairness a part of his nature and not a cultivated trait.

"Kindness one of his chief graces.

"Treating all persons alike was as uniform and natural as were his cheerful greetings.

"His body was like his mind; if the one never primped to attract attention, the other never pretended to create an impression.

"Simplicity marked his movements whether on the lower road with the uneducated or on the higher road with the intellectuals.

"With few words he came to a point and with few words he reached a decision.

"His interest in small boys was as genuine as his interest in prominent adults.

"His memory of names was a perpetual wonder to those who knew him.

"His interests were as wide as his reading and his reading was uncommonly wide.

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Speech Contest Is Postponed

The AAUW Speech Contest, which was scheduled for March 3, has been delayed due to the death of Western's president, Dr. Paul L. Garrett, until March 23.

The contestants are Hilda Arnold, junior from Drakesboro, and Wanda Kirkham, junior from Portland, Tenn.

The speeches will be given in Chapel.

Iva Scott Club Presents Play

Featured at the Iva Scott Club meeting, Tuesday night, was a play presented on the life of Ellen H. Richards, founder of Home Economics.

The cast included Shirley Schuetz, Nona Taylor, Chris Compton, Elaine Carroll, Ann Ireland, and Nadine Pottinger.

Plans were discussed for a banquet to be held in the near future.

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superintendent of the Versailles City schools.

Dr. Garrett was granted a leave of absence to accept an appointment by Chandler as state personnel director. He was then named head of Western, following the death of Dr. Cherry.

Much credit is due Dr. Garrett for making Western rank among the leading colleges in the state.

Had Varied Interests

His interests were wide in other fields. He was director of the American Legion's Bluegrass Boys State. He was prominently connected with the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and in 1938 was president of the Kentucky Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

He was a member of Kentucky Education Association, National Education Association, Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity, and the Rotary and Filson clubs.

His hobbies included fishing, particularly casting for bass, and reading English and history.

Was Lifelong Democrat

He was a lifelong Democrat and a member of the First Baptist Church in Bowling Green.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Virginia Ryland Ellis, New Castle, whom he married in 1921; two sons, Capt. Paul E. Garrett, with the Air Force in Westover, Mass., and Ryland Gray Garrett, Winchester; a sister, Miss Bevel Garrett, Bowling Green, and three grandchildren.



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